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Rantour (Ill.) News: Now you know what "tariff revision by its friends" means.

THE STRIKE COMMISSION'S REPORT

The report of the commission appointed by the president last October to investigate the anthracite coal strike was made public today. The report is dated March 18, and is signed by all the members of the commission, who are Judge Gray of Delaware, Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright and Brigadier General John M. Wilson, both of this city; Bishop John J. Spalding of Illinois, Thomas K. Watkins of Pennsylvania, Edgar E. Clark of Iowa and Edward W. Parker of this city.

The report is to be illustrated, and it will be accompanied by the testimony taken by the commission, but thus far only the report proper has been printed. This alone covers eighty-seven pages of printed matter. In brief, the commission recommends:

A general increase of wages amounting in most instances to 10 per cent. Some decrease of time.

The settlement of all disputes by arbitration.

Fixes a minimum wage and a sliding scale.

Provides against discrimination of persons by either the mine owners or the miners on account of membership or non-membership in a labor union, and

Provides that the awards made shall continue in force until March 31, 1906.

The commission discussed to some extent the matter of recognition or non-recognition of the miners' union, but declined to make any award on this. Commissions own summary of the awards made:

First—That an increase of 10 per cent over and above the rates paid in the month of April, 1902, be paid to all contract miners for cutting coal, yardage and other work for which standard rates or allowances existed at that time, from and after November 1, 1902, and during the life of this award. The amount of increase under the award due for work done between November 1, 1902, and April 1, 1903, to be paid on or before June 1, 1903.

Second—That engineers who are employed in hoisting water shall have an increase of 10 per cent on their earnings between November 1, 1902, and April 1, 1903, to be paid on or before June 1, 1903; and from and after April 1, 1903, and during the life of the award they shall have eight-hour shifts, with the same pay which was effective in April, 1902, and where they are now working eight-hour shifts shall have an increase of 10 per cent on the wages which were effective in the several positions in April, 1902.

Hoisting engineers and other engineers and pumpmen other than those employed in hoisting water, who are employed in positions which are manned continuously, shall have an increase of 10 per cent on their earnings between November 1, 1902, and April 1, 1903, to be paid on or before June 1, 1903, and from and after April 1, 1903, and during the life of the award, they shall have an increase of 5 per cent on the rates of wages which were effective in the several positions in April, 1902; and in addition they shall be relieved from duty on Sundays, without loss of pay, by a man provided by the employer to relieve them during the hours of the day shift.

That firemen shall have an increase of 10 per cent on their earnings between November, 1902, and April 1, 1903, to be paid on or before July 1, 1903, and from and after April 1, 1903, and during the life of the award, they shall have eight-hour shifts, with the same wages per day, week or month as paid in each position in April, 1902.

All employes or company men, other than those for whom the commissions make special awards shall be paid an increase of 10 per cent on their earnings between November 1, 1902, and April 1, 1903, to be paid on or before June 1, 1903, and from and after April 1, 1903, and during the life of this award they shall be paid on the basis of a nine-hour day, receiving therefore the same wages as were paid in April, 1902, for a ten-hour day. Over-time in excess of nine hours in any day to be paid at a proportional rate per hour.

Third—During the life of this award, the present methods of payment for coal mined shall be adhered to unless changed by mutual agreement. In all of the above awards it is provided that allowances like those made shall be paid to the legal representatives of such employes as may have died since November 1, 1902.

Fourth—Any difficulty or disagreement arising under this award, either as to its interpretation or application, or in any way growing out of the relations of the employers and employed, which cannot be settled or adjusted by consultation between the superintendent or manager of the mine or mines or the miner or miners directly interested, or is of a scope too large to be settled or adjusted, shall be referred to a permanent joint committee to be called a board of conciliation, to consist of six persons, appointed as hereinafter provided. That is to say, if there shall be a division of the whole region into three districts, in each of which there shall exist an organization representing a majority of the mine workers of such district, one of said board of conciliation shall be appointed by each of said organizations and three other persons shall be appointed by the operators, the operators in each of said districts appointing one person.

The board of conciliation thus constituted shall take up and consider any question referred to it as aforesaid, hearing both parties to the controversy and such evidence as may be laid before it by another party; and any award made by a majority of such board of conciliation shall be final and binding on all parties. If, however, the said board is unable to decide any question submitted or point related thereto, that question or point shall be referred to an umpire to be appointed at the request of said board by one of the circuit judges of the Third judicial circuit of the United States, whose

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